

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER 8 May 2008

SITUATION REPORT # 2

1300 Hours 10 May 2008

The next Situation Report will be Monday, 12 May 2008 at 1300 hours.

New Information in bold italic font

SUMMARY

During the overnight hours of May 8 and throughout the day 9 May, a storm system moved across the Commonwealth generating heavy rain and wind. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center received reports of storm related damage from several localities across the Commonwealth. ***National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Offices confirmed two tornadoes impacted the Commonwealth on 8 May. NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted Stafford County and NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted Henry County. NWS Sterling determined that damage in Spotsylvania County and the City of Fredericksburg was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. NWS Sterling reviewing data and information on storm damage in Nelson County and will deploy storm survey team if warranted.*** No storm related fatalities have been reported and one injury was reported in Stafford County.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The VEOC is at Response Operations with augmented staffing. Secretary of Public Safety Marshall visited the England Run North Subdivision in Stafford County on 9 May.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declared:

Stafford County declared a local emergency on 9 May.

City of Martinsville declared a local emergency on 9 May

Local Emergency Operations Center Activated:

City of Martinsville opened 9 May at 0900 hours, closed 1200 hours 9 May

City of Danville opened 9 May at 0630 hours

Nelson County opened 8 May at 2230 hours, closed 0700 hours 9 May

Stafford County did not open EOC; utilizing forward Unified Command

WEATHER

Forecast:

Flood Warnings: Meherrin River at Lawrenceville until evening 10 May; Dan River at Paces until afternoon 10 May; Dan River at South Boston until afternoon 11 May. Saturday, 10 May: Chance of showers during the morning; mostly cloudy; high temps mid 60's to mid 70's; winds 5-15 with gusts up to 25 MPH in West Central VA. Saturday night: Chance of showers and thunderstorms in SWVA; some may be severe; partly cloudy remainder of state; low temps mid 40's to low 50's; winds 5-10 MPH. Sunday, 11 May: Rain with chance of thunderstorms; rain could be heavy at times; high temps upper 50's to upper 60's; winds 5-10 MPH in Central and Northern VA; winds 10-15 with gusts up to 25 MPH remainder of state. Sunday night: Rain with chance of thunderstorms; rain could be heavy at times with 1-2 inches rain possible in Northwest and Northern VA; low temps mid 40's to mid 50's; winds 5-10 MPH in Central and Northern VA; winds 10-20 MPH for remainder of state.

OPERATIONS SECTION

Local Liaison:

Region 7 Coordinator Hopkins on scene in Stafford County. Region 2 Coordinator Sterling assisted Spotsylvania County and City of Fredericksburg officials on 9 May.

INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
As of 0800 hours 10 May, there are 42 secondary roads closed due to flooding or washout

ESF 12 – Energy: *As of 1200 hours 10 May approximately 1,200 customers without power statewide:*
Dominion Virginia Power – 545 (310 – Shenandoah Valley area; 185 – Northern VA area)
Appalachian Power – 595 (365 – Roanoke area; 110 – Bland County; 110 – Botetourt County)
Rappahannock Electric Coop – 50 (35 – Spotsylvania County)

**ESF 14 – Long-term
Community Recovery**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>
Franklin County	\$5,000	\$3,500
Fredericksburg, City of	\$1,800,000	\$0
Martinsville, City of	\$70,000	\$86,500
Spotsylvania County	\$1,000,000	\$0
Stafford County	\$7,700,000	\$0
Total	\$10,575,000	\$90,000

VDEM Recovery Staff reviewing data from Initial Damage Reports that have been submitted and coordinating with impacted localities. State Cooperation Commission Bureau of Insurance providing literature and contact information at Stafford Disaster Assistance Center.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 13 – Public Safety
and Security:** Virginia State Police (VSP)
 Augmenting Stafford Sheriff's Department through the weekend.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care Shelters Open
 Stafford County, Gayle Middle School: **shelter closed 9 May**
 City of Danville, Salvation Army Building: **shelter closed 9 May**

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations:** American Red Cross
10 case workers assisting at Stafford County Disaster Assistance Center; 1 Emergency Response Unit dispensing cleaning supplies in Stafford County; 2 Mobile Feeding Stations available in Stafford County

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support Fairfax radio cache deployed to Stafford County; radio cache is currently on site.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Stafford County: *NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted the England Run North Subdivision at approximately 2255 hrs 8 May. Initial damage assessments report 4 homes destroyed, 62 homes major damage, 62 homes minor damage, 1 church damaged and 1 commercial building damaged. Stafford County is utilizing a*

forward Unified Incident Command EOC at the incident. Disaster Assistance Center will be open daily at Fire Station #12, Route 17, 2 miles north of incident, from 0800 to 1630 hours until further notice. Approximately 100 residents were evacuated on 8 May and a shelter was opened at Gayle Middle School. **Residents were permitted to reoccupy houses determined to be safe on 9 May and the shelter was closed. Stafford County Sheriff's Department is controlling access to impacted area and providing security. Mutual aid assistance is being provided by the FBI Quantico, National Capital Region Incident Management Team, District of Columbia Fire Department, City of Fredericksburg Fire/EMS and Fairfax County Fire/EMS. Homeowners Association scheduled cleanup day for 10 May could be hindered by weather. VA Congressman Rob Wittman scheduled to visit and tour area on 10 May.**

Martinsville, City of: Three people were evacuated and 1 home was flooded.

Danville, City of: 12 people were evacuated, but no reports of flood damage.

Nelson County: The County has reported 2 homes with major damage and people evacuated in the area.

Henry/Franklin County: **NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted the area north of Figsboro in Henry County and moved north into Franklin County.** Franklin County reported 1 home with damage.

Spotsylvania County: **NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH.** County reported damage to one industrial complex.

Fredericksburg, City of: **NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH.** The City reported damage to one industrial complex.

Prince William County: Several homes in one subdivision have flooding in the basements.

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